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(Department of Consumer Affairs)

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi  
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**Subject: -Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the month April, 2021 in respect of Department of Consumer Affairs – regarding.**

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The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith as Annexure to this letter, the unclassified portion of the Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the month of April, 2021 in respect of Department of Consumer Affairs for kind information.

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**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
**Monthly Summary for the month of April, 2021**

The important activities of the Department of Consumer Affairs during the month of April, 2021.

**1 Essential Commodities:**

1.1 Due to the sudden increase of Corona cases, a D.O. dated 15.04.2021 from Additional Secretary (CA) was sent to Principal Secretaries of all States/UTs to ensure that Essential Commodities including food items, drugs, hygiene products and services are made available to the common man at fair prices. They were also requested to keep the operations of grocery stores and warehouses, chemists and pharmacists outside the restrictions in order to ensure easy availability of essential commodities and mitigate panic buying or exorbitant pricing.

1.2 A Video Conference with all Principal Secretaries, Food and Consumer Affairs of all State/UT Governments was held on 19.04.2021 to review the availability and prices of Essential Food Commodities across the country. States/UTs were asked to be vigilant about blackmarketing, hoarding, profiteering etc. of essential commodities and to carry out effective surveillance and enforcement activities by taking strong action against erring traders, dealers wanting to take undue advantage of the prevailing pandemic. They were also requested to set up Helpline for consumers to enable them to register their grievance for speedy redressal.

**2 Legal Metrology:**

**Relaxing import of medical devices from Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities), Rules 2011**

2.1 In order to meet the steep demand of medical devices for respiratory emergencies and related needs having emerged in the country due to the pandemic, the Department in exercise of the powers conferred by rule 33(1) and rule 6 of the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011 has permitted the importers of medical devices to import certain medical devices for

three months from the date of this advisory with waiver for immediate declarations for sale by way of stamping or putting sticker or online printing on the items brought in country by imports. These declarations will be made by importers after custom clearance and before sale of medical devices in domestic market.

2.2 The importers, importing the said medical devices under this permission shall inform all such imports with quantity imported to the Director (Legal Metrology) and the Controller (Legal Metrology) in the State, where the import is made, immediately after import.

### **3 Bureau of Indian Standards:**

3.1 A meeting regarding development of BIS specifications for ethanol blending in petrol for automotive use was conducted by MoPNG under the Chairmanship of JS(R) regarding Development of BIS specifications for ethanol blending in petrol for automotive use. Directors of oil company PSUs and IIP were requested to participate in preparing Indian Standards for E12 and E15 blends and revision of IS 15464 for ethanol, as such fuel.

3.2 A National Seminar on 'Standardization in the field of Khadi – a symbol of India's Independence' was organized on 06 April 2021 at New Delhi as a part of "Aazaadi ka Amrut Mahotsava – India @75" celebrations by Govt. of India. A much-awaited Indian Standard on Cotton Khadi DURRIES, IS 17549:2021 was also released by the dignitaries during the event.

3.3 The First All India Licence for Stampings/Laminations/Cores of Transformers with and without winding (Grant of All India First Certificate of Conformity under Scheme-IV) has been granted to M/s KATYAINI PRODUCTS PVT LTD, Jaipur, Rajasthan.

3.4 Under the Hallmarking scheme, 992 new jewellers have been registered and 01 new Assaying and Hallmarking (A&H) Centre has been recognized.

3.5 An e-book "BIS Down the Memory Lane" has been prepared in Hindi & English and uploaded on BIS website.

3.6 BIS is getting 35 films, "BIS Talks" made on its activities. The films are educational in nature. The first in series are 15 films highlighting Standards Formulated in various technical sectors.

#### **4 Price Stabilization:**

4.1 A sum of Rs. 77.40 cr was released to NAFED for procurement and storage of 1 LMT of Onion during Rabi 2020 and 2 LMT of Onion during Rabi 2021 under Price Stabilisation Fund(PSF).